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PUNAHOU'S YEAR AND PUNAHOU'S NEED.

Punahou's 75th anniversary, soon to be commemorated with a program which shall be worthy of the 75 years rich in history and achievement to which this institution may look back, is not merely a review of the past but a milestone toward the future.

Of Punahou's deeds, recorded in the lives and activities of many hundreds of men and women who were schooled there, much will be said. Of Punahou's needs it is timely to say something.

The school is facing a real and pressing need for additional funds. Concerning Punahou's finances little is usually brought out, but if any impression prevails that the school is beyond financial cares, it is an entirely mistaken impression. The facts are that even with the most scrupulous care and economy there has been an annual deficit every year but one since 1901.

The facts are that during this period the number of students has increased 125 per cent; the number of teachers 116 per cent. The facts are that a wide range of subjects has been added to the school courses—subjects which sound pedagogy demanded should be given in modern schools of Punahou's kind.

The facts are also that neither in buildings nor in salaries to teachers has the school been able to keep pace with the growth of attendance and the demand for instruction which shall keep Punahou abreast of present mainland standards. The increase in endowment has been subnormally small. The disparity between income and expenditure has been a problem with which the President and the Trustees have had to wrestle unceasingly. The school is now faced with the necessity either of carrying out retrenchments which will reduce the efficiency and scope of instruction and sacrifice the strength of the faculty, or of raising additional funds.

To this latter course the Seventy-fifth Anniversary Finance Committee is now addressing itself. About three months ago a pamphlet was sent out to some 2000 former students and close friends of Punahou with a statement of finances. The response to this, while cordial so far as it has gone, has not by any means solved the serious financial problem. It is apparent that immediate additions must be made to the funds.

With 75 years of a fine and worthy history drawing to a close Punahou stands in need of the generous support that Hawaii is well able to give; that Hawaii, as a community standing for progress, for education, for good citizenship, should give to the school which also stands for these things.

What more fitting than a gift to Punahou upon the 75th anniversary? What more permanent and constructive work for Hawaii than aid to the school whose very life is that of service to the territory?

Gifts to the endowment funds are permanent and become part of the working capital, the income only of which may be used to help pay running expenses. Contributions toward these or any other funds will be welcome, whether for one dollar or one hundred thousand.

It is announced that gifts may be sent either to C. H. Cooke, Treasurer of the Trustees, or to J. C. Albertson, Chairman of the Anniversary Finance Committee. The anniversary year is a particularly opportune time for these gifts; they will help Punahou enter upon another 75 years greater with permanent achievement.

THE END OF YUAN SHIH-KAI.

Denials from Peking that President Yuan Shih-Kai committed suicide give all the more color to the vague rumors that he died of poison.

And what an ending that would be to this spectacular life! He had played a great game and up to the time when ambition overleaped true patriotism and discretion, he had played a winning game. His fatal move was that of yielding to the itch for imperial power.

Chinese resentment, slow to express itself in violent action, was implacable when once aroused. The liberals branded Yuan as a traitor, and as a traitor they sought to end his power. With province after province

rising against him, unable to trust his own generals, his own cabinet officers, his own household attaches, the "wildest man of the East" was bound hand and foot in meshes he himself had helped to weave. Every move he made in these latter months but crushed him the deeper. It would not be strange if he sought self-destruction to end a life whose power was being crushed out.

"There is no greater person in China now than President Yuan," Mr. Hanhiara, newly appointed Japanese consul-general at San Francisco, said to the Star-Bulletin while passing through Honolulu on May 26. "The republic will become more and more disordered if he is expelled," Mr. Hanhiara added. "He is the only one who can govern now."

Now that he is dead this prophecy will be tested. Yuan gave evidence in 1914 that his ambition was to transform his presidency of China into an imperial status. His acts and expressions caused much violence of sentiment throughout the country all through last year.

As Emperor Hung Hin, the former president entered the ancient throne room of the Manchus and took his seat on the throne at the New Year reception to foreign diplomats and government officials in January this year. Since then the news from China has been all of uprisings and insurrections against the usurper of the throne, and as his enemies have it, traitor to the cause of republicanism.

In April there were reports at different times, interlarded with denials attributed like the assertions to himself, that Yuan Shih-Kai intended to resign and allow China to elect a president. Late in May a report that he had sustained a stroke of paralysis was followed, within a day or two, by the allegation that he had been poisoned.

Addressing a taxation reform league in San Francisco last January, Sun Fe, son of the first president of China, Sun Yat Sen, delivered a historical indictment of Yuan. He said that during the revolution of 1912 Yuan Shih-Kai agreed with the republicans to persuade the Manchu house to abdicate and to unify the republic. "He was made the second provisional president, and soon began to betray his trust with unconstitutional acts."

Among the specific counts given by young Sun, mention is made of his defying parliament by signing the five-powers loan of \$125,000,000 without its sanction. Then, after the revolution of 1913, Yuan accused parliament of trying to overthrow him, and issued an illegal order expelling 310 Kiangtong members. "On January 11, 1914," Sun went on to say with much more, "Yuan formally abolished the parliament elected by the people, but not until he had forced its members to elect him as the regular president."

The case of an army medical officer whose auto ran into a steam-roller unlighted and on the road at night emphasizes the frequency with which dangerous spots are left without warning signals in the dark. Complaint was made some days ago about the torn-up roads in Puunui and their menace to the safety of traffic. Any motorist or any pedestrian who is abroad much after dusk can testify to the number of dangerous places that should be marked by a red lantern. Perhaps remedial action is out of the scope of the public utilities commission, but it is not out of the scope of municipal regulation.

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg says that there is no more use of talking peace. As a matter of fact, how much real peace talk has there been?

Henry Ford's Chicago headquarters are running around on four wheels behind a honk, honk!

However, it won't be much of a step for the justice from the bench to the platform.

Sometimes it is hard to distinguish between a favorite son and hot-air merchant.

The question seems to be—How heroic is that bunch at the Coliseum.

The biggest two-ring circus in the world is on at Chicago today.

LETTERS

ANSWERING COUNTRY CLUB DIRECTORS ON ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin: Sir: Will you kindly grant me space for the following remarks:

When I got off the Puunui Improvement Club committee I had hoped to get out of the Country Club controversy and leave the work for the new committee. However, the Country Club directors' letter to their members was such a series of misstatements that I am compelled to correct a few of them.

At the beginning of the letter, for a reason I cannot fathom, the directors represented the drive as Laima road extension. This portion was omitted from the Honolulu Star-Bulletin of Monday, but the members will find it. It looks to me like a kind of trick, which I would never have suspected such gentlemen of playing, even on Puunui, much less on their own members. Also, the map which went with the letter ignored Circle drive. This road would run along Mr. Sherman's boundary and John Nuanu avenue at the land some hundred feet or so below Laima road. Circle drive has been as freely discussed as the many other routes. Mr. Sutton knew of it, as I discussed it with him and gave him a blue print. It was on the map handed to the directors at the meeting with the supervisors' road committee. The blue print had been shown to Mr. Walker and Mr. Angus. The Outdoor Circle sent a print to the directors over a year ago. On this misrepresentation at the beginning of the letter had all of the directors' arguments that followed and would invalidate them.

The directors stated that we left a portion of our district out because the people there objected to paying the assessment for the new road. This is not so. A section called Cherry Vale Tract is not in the Puunui Tract, and was excluded because we expected they would object to frontage tax. We included part of the Country Club because we had a moral right to run a road there; they had previously taken our roads away. But when in perfect candor we told the directors these things, we did not expect them to garble the facts and try and make capital out of the result.

The matters of the old trails are facts which some of the directors themselves know of, and there is evidence to support the same. Because a few malcontents got into the directors' office and do not understand old conditions, it is strange that the older members permit their knowledge to be overborne. Did the club acquire a remote and largely waste tract of land and develop it to its present beautiful condition at heavy expense and financial risk and thereby do a useful public service by greatly enhancing values of neighboring lands and settling up the same for the benefit of the public, for its members? And if the club had not developed that "waste" (the finest building land in Honolulu) residents would have developed it long ago. Puunui people would have been free to go mauka or makai, and our property would not have depreciated, as the tax assessments show. It has, The Country Club's presence has been a detriment to us, not a benefit, under the conditions it has imposed on us.

It is absurd for the directors to say they are not attempting to put obstacles in our way. No laborers have ever worked harder on an "ukupa" than have these officers in inventing obstacles. And they claim they are trying to help Puunui—their actions have belied their words. It has suited the directors very nicely to maintain a 200 feet belt of guava around the mauka boundary of Puunui. It has suited them to allow a short road connecting streets, which was of benefit to Puunui, to be closed. It has suited them to see Puunui taxes kept down for fear their own taxes might be raised. This "public service" utility brags about doing "useful public service" and "enhancing values of neighboring lands," meaning Nuuanu avenue, as long as the values of their own lands in the back are not raised. It puts up a big howl, however, when through our efforts the enhancement promises to affect the back lands also.

The wiping out of the seventeenth too should not inconvenience them as it is on another person's land. I have never heard if they offered to pay the other person any rent.

One funny argument is: "A bird's-eye view of the Puunui section taken from Pacific Heights convincingly shows that some point near Hawaii street is the proper mauka outlet." Why not instruct our city engineer to lay out the grades of the Honolulu roads from the top of Konahehau? Of course, Hawaii street looks feasible from the top of Pacific Heights, as from that elevation the valley bottom looks very flat. An examination of Hawaii street grade "on the ground" would have prevented even these directors from making such a recommendation.

Why the red lines on the directors' map should represent the "logical route" has just dawned upon me. The red lines are placed just over 200 feet (the improvement tax limit) from the club grounds.

But, Mr. Editor, can you tell me why the directors' map shows a black circle on my home and on six other places in Puunui? That was the only problem I have been unable to solve. Thanking you for your courtesy, JOHN F. G. STOKES.

VITAL STATISTICS

BORN
BURGOYNE—In Honolulu, June 4, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Burgoyne of 932 Birch street, a son, Frank.

ERUL—In Honolulu, May 29, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Tomoji Usui of 34 Matsumoto lane, off Beretania street, a son, Yoji.

NAKAYAMA—In Honolulu, May 28, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Kotaro Nakayama of St. Mary's Mission, South King street, Moiliili, a son, George.

FURBER—In Honolulu, May 26, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. William Frederick Furber of Kaimuki, a son, Arthur A. Elyu.

KEPANO—In Honolulu, May 30, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kepano of 950 Alapai street, a daughter—Kaupe.

SANTOS—In Honolulu, May 27, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Santos of 297 South Vineyard street, a daughter.

SAU—In Honolulu, June 5, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Hung Sau of King street, Pawaia Junction, a daughter.

ERKINE—In Honolulu, June 5, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Erskine of 14 Koa avenue, a daughter.

MARRIED
GALE-WONG—In Honolulu, June 6, 1916, John T. Gale and Miss Ellen Wong, Rev. Samuel K. Kamalopili, assistant pastor of the Kaunakapili church, officiating. Witnesses, Miss Sadie C. Sterritt and Miss Agnes E. Maynard.

COVES-VARIN—In Honolulu, June 6, 1916, Dr. John F. Coves and Mrs. Carrie A. Varin, Rev. Father H. Valentin of the Catholic cathedral, officiating. Witnesses, Mrs. Margaret Coves and James Baker.

CANTO-FERREIRA—In Honolulu, June 5, 1916, Manuel Antonio do Couto and Miss Mary Ferreira, Rev. Father Rodriguez Frans of the Catholic cathedral, officiating. Witnesses, Manuel da Silva and Mary da Silva.

MIYAKE-SEKIYA—In Honolulu, June 2, 1916, Kichiro Miyake and Miss Hatsu Sekiya, Rev. Samuel K. Kamalopili, assistant pastor of the Kaunakapili church, officiating. Witnesses, Denichi Masaki and Mrs. S. K. Kamalopili.

DIED
SAPETA—In the Kaunakapili Children's Hospital, Honolulu, June 6, 1916, Joseph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sapeta of Wailuku, this island, a native of Wailuku, three years, six months and five days old.

KAPPA—In the Queen's Hospital, Honolulu, June 4, 1916, Robert Kapa, Hawaiian, 49 years old.

VIROS—In Hilo, Hawaii, May 24, 1916, Francisco Moniz Viveiros of Vila Franca, married, farmer, a native of the island of St. Michael, Azores, Portugal, 91 years old.

SANTOS—In Monterey, Cal., May 15, 1916, Manuel Santos of West Oakland, formerly of Honolulu, married, fisherman, a native of Punalu, Madeira, Portugal, 45 years old.

CLARK—In Honolulu, June 6, 1916, at the Leahi Home, Joseph M. Clark, single, aged 53 years, 7 months, 14 days. Buried today in the Makiki cemetery.

MAINAE—In Honolulu, June 7, 1916, at the Queen's Hospital, William M. Mainae, widower, aged 61. Body will be buried in the Kalaepokahu cemetery, Kailua.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Manuel Gouveia, Jr., Portuguese, 25
Virginia Costa, Portuguese, 18

Gen Bonilla, American, 25
Emily S. Almeida, Portuguese, 21

KAMEHAMEHA DAY CROWDS ARE HARD TO ESTIMATE

Rev. George Loughton, who is to deliver the special sermon for the Kamehameha Day Sunday services of the Ad Club at the Central Union church next Sunday, has arrived from Hilo. He informed Raymond C. Brown, secretary of the chamber of commerce, that there were a number of Hilo people who came over on the ship with him who would remain over the celebration and from what he had heard before leaving he thought at least 25 or 30 more would come.

Secretary Brown says that it has been impossible to determine with any degree of accuracy how many will come from the other islands, but that he is confident that the attendance will be equal or in excess of early estimates.

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CITY AFFAIRS AND SUPERVISOR NOTES

Kalakaua avenue is a little nearer improvement. At last night's meeting of the board a letter was read from the trustees of the Bishop Estate withdrawing their objection to the improvement scheme, filed in January, and approving the present scheme of the supervisors for paving with concrete and placing the Rapid Transit tracks in the middle of the road, providing the width of the street was cut from the proposed 60 feet to 55 feet, giving a wider sidewalk. As the plan called for either a 55 or 60-foot roadway the 55-foot width was adopted at once. Date for a hearing on the proposed improvement scheme will be set at the next meeting.

While the board was discussing the proposed board issue Supervisor Hollinger, chairman of the park committee, arose and asked that before the issue was authorized he be given a chance to put in a provision for \$50,000 for his department. He plans a pier 200 feet long at the public baths, a building with provision for dancing and for lockers, and a number of other improvements in the park.

Central park in Kalakaua avenue, near the turn out of the Rapid Transit tracks, will be torn out this week. The supervisors voted \$300 for the work last night. The work is to be done at once in order to clear the road for the traffic on June 11.

Rental of bathing suits at the public baths will be reduced from 25 cents to 15 cents for adults and 10 cents for children, shortly.

An ordinance regulating the slaughter and sale of cattle, swine and poultry was referred back to the police committee for corrections.

A request from John Fernandez, deputy sheriff for Ewa, for permission to employ a Filipino officer and in-

terpreter in the district, was referred to the sheriff.

A letter from D. Marques in defense of T. F. Farm, owner of the Farm Corn Dairy on Wilder avenue, was read and referred to the health committee.

Thirty-three applications for permits to sell or manufacture poi were granted. They were all renewals of old permits.

The road department will have \$10,000 to run on this month. The old figure of \$10,000 a month was restored last night. It has been cut to \$6000 for the last two months.

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Personal Mention

FRANK WOODS, former territorial treasurer, is visiting in Honolulu from his home in Kohala, Hawaii.

L. S. CAHN, engineer in the department of public works, left for Hilo this morning on work connected with the office.

MRS. J. R. MAHAULEY left yesterday on the Lurline to visit for two months with her daughters, Mrs. A. B. Willis and Mrs. Jack Levin of Oakland.

CARLOS A. LONG, secretary of the liquor commission, is in the country for a short time. He is expected back in town until the first of next week, according to word in his office.

MRS. F. G. MANS of Kalakaua avenue, Wailuku, has returned to Honolulu after an extended tour of the mainland. Her son, Merion, will remain on the coast indefinitely.

MRS. H. ALEXANDER ISENBERG and her sons, Rudolph and Alexander Isenberg, are leaving Thursday

of next week for Hanauli, Kauai. They are now at the Pienasanton hotel.

VINCENT FERNANDES, JR., arrived yesterday in the Wilhelmnia. He was a delegate from Court Camoes No. 8110, A. O. F., of Honolulu, to the convention last month in Oakland.

MISS CARRIE THOMPSON, formerly a teacher at the Spreckelsville school, Maui, will return to Honolulu from the mainland in a few weeks to become principal of the Kaneohe school.

FRANCIS F. WALBRIDGE, a tourist, made application in federal court today for passports for himself, wife and daughter to travel in Canada. They will leave Honolulu in the steamer Niagara on June 23.

MISS EDNA HARTE, sponsor of "Harties' Good Eats," was one of the Lurline passengers yesterday. She will spend three months on the mainland visiting chiefly with her mother near Sioux City, Iowa, and at her old home in Toronto, Canada.

JUDGE W. W. MORROW of the court of appeals of the ninth circuit will leave for Hilo next Thursday afternoon accompanied by Mrs. Morrow and his secretary, Lynne Kelly. The party expects to return to Honolulu the following Sunday.

Russ orders for 10,000 six-inch shells are being filled at the Norfolk Navy Yard for a preparedness test.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—FREDDIE FITZGIBBONS: D. Loring Mackaye, in small